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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 2 April 1953 25X1

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

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1. On 23 February 1953, jeep [REDACTED] and weapons carrier [REDACTED] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the former Kreisgericht in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) by the main gate on Schiesstattring. A group of 36 EM commanded by a captain, all wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were cutting logs into squared lumber at the Eugen Kaserne. Two amphibious cars were parked in front of the garage of the installation. Reels, field telephones and poles lay in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Vehicles passing the barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne included: truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, trucks [REDACTED] tank truck [REDACTED] radio truck [REDACTED] and weapons carrier [REDACTED] which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] were parked in front of the building on Werner Strasse. 25X1
2. On 23 February, about 60 EM were engaged in rifle drill at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Vehicle traffic observed at the installation included: sedan [REDACTED] jeep [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED]. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 1 25X1
3. On 26 February, 2 trucks, each loaded with four mortars and about 15 soldiers, and 4 trucks, [REDACTED] each occupied by 30 soldiers, entered the former Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). Six SP guns and 37 trucks were parked in the installation. Vehicles observed at the former Landesheilanstalt included jeep [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 2 25X1
4. On 26 February, four majors, of whom, two were medical officers and two were female medical officers, and soldiers with dressings who wore black-bordered epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). 25X1
5. Prior to 10 February, the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 89) was occupied by a unit with red-bordered black epaulets. The unit was equipped with rocket launchers. 3 25X1

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[] Comment. The information from St. Poelten confirms that the 177th Engr Bn is stationed in the Eugen Kaserne, and that the Franz Josef Kaserne is occupied by the 140th Sig Bn of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The vehicle [] from St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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[] Comment. The troops, vehicles and weapons observed at Mauer Oehling probably belong to the 290th Gds Rifle Regt which is stationed there. The five SP guns are probably of the SU-76 type and belong to the SP gun battery of the above regiment. Most of the vehicle [] belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div; but several vehicle [] could not be identified.

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[] Comment. The occupation of the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg by a rocket launcher unit, probably the rocket launcher battalion of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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